

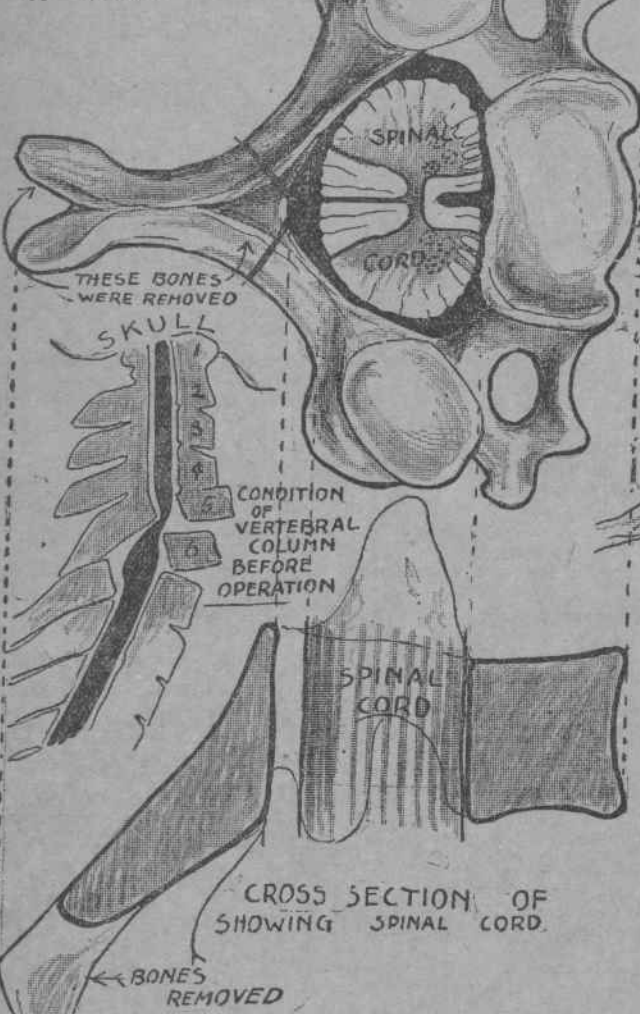
# A TRIUMPH OF MODERN SURGERY

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## TWO BOYS SPANKED BY JUDGE'S ORDER.

THE FIFTH CERVICAL SHOWING SPINAL CORD TOP VIEW.



### Remarkable Operation Performed on Young Walter A. Duryea.

Suffering from an injury similar to that which caused the death of Mrs. William C. Whitney, and which in his case was caused by diving into shallow water, this young man yesterday submitted without anesthetics to an operation, which, by removing a portion of the spinal cord, will, it is believed, relieve the killing pressure.

### Walter A. Duryea Without an Anæsthetic Submitted to an Operation Lasting Forty Minutes—Result Will Be in Doubt for Weeks.

If Walter A. Duryea shall leave Roosevelt Hospital substantially a well man he will have to thank for it not only the skill and care of the physicians who have labored over him, but also, and principally, his own nerve and courage. Mr. Duryea submitted to an operation yesterday afternoon without the aid of anesthetics. In this time the laminae of his fifth and sixth vertebrae were removed. The doctors refuse to give any other hope than to say that the operation was successful from a surgical point of view, and the patient's fortune was as remarkable as his vitality. It will be two weeks at least before it can be known what the eventual outcome will be.

Mr. Duryea's injury was similar to that sustained by the late Mrs. William C. Whitney, but probably not quite so severe. He dived into three feet of water on August 7 last. He apparently broke his neck, and on regaining consciousness within half an hour after the accident, found himself completely paralyzed from the chin down.

Four days later Mr. Duryea was brought to Roosevelt Hospital. His neck and shoulders were encased in a plaster of paris splint. No one really had any thought that he would live. But the young man—he is thirty and an athlete—showed such astounding vitality that his father refused to admit the possibility of anything but recovery. The physicians, too, began to have faint hopes that something might be done for Mr. Duryea. As for the patient, as soon as he was consulted he said that he was willing to undergo any operation. He certainly didn't care to live as he was.

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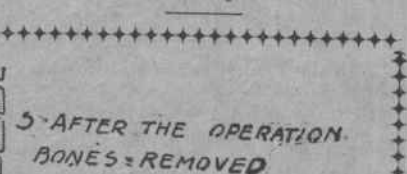
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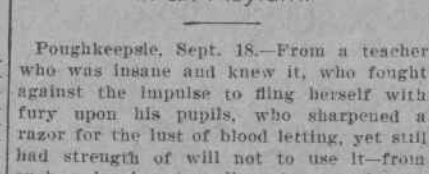
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